

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET  
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

<b>AGENDA REVIEW</b>	August 17, 2016
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	September 6, 2016
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT</b>	All
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Mental Health
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Request approval to enter into an Agreement with Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc. for provision of the Respite Care Services Program.
<b>PROGRAM</b>	CDAD
<b>DEADLINES</b>	
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	There is no County cost impact associated with this action.
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Board approval will allow DMH to enter into a new Agreement with Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc., for the provision of Respite Care Services for approximately two (2) fiscal years. The purposes of the Respite Care Services Program (RCSP) are to prevent out-of-home placement or disruption of a current placement; provide short-term relief to caregivers providing in-home care; and provide appropriate care and supervision in the absence of family member(s) and/or caregiver(s).
<b>SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; and prior accomplishments.)</b>	The RCSP aims to relieve families from the stress and strain associated with providing constant care for a child with a Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED) with the goal of preserving children in their homes or current placements and decreasing the likelihood of out-of-home placement or disruption of a current placement. The RCSP will allow parents, relative caregivers, and non-relative caregivers to focus more attention on the other members of the household or take care of their own needs. Caregivers can leave home to take care of personal errands knowing that their child is safe and being supervised at home in a positive and healthy environment.
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